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## TO THE DEMOCRACY OF INDIANA.

In accordance with the time-honored principles of the Democratic party, it is necessary that we define our position before the people.

In making the effort to establish a Democratic Newspaper, we are fully aware of the obstacles we will have to encounter; of the bitter and violent opposition that will be waged against us; but feeling confident that it is the wish of every genuine Democrat in the county of Ohio, and knowing that it will be of incalculable interest to the Democratic cause, we have determined to make the effort, believing as we do, that we will be sustained in our enterprise.

In order that there may not be any misunderstanding or false impressions in regard to the character of our paper, we will inform the public that the Democrat is and will be, so long as we are its Editor and Publisher, a genuine, simple pure Democratic journal, devoted to the advocacy of the Democratic party, as enunciated in the Cincinnati Platform and observed by the National Democracy of the country.

The columns of the Democrat will also be devoted to the interest of Ohio and surrounding counties, and to the flourishing State of old Hoosier at large.

In short, we will endeavor, by advocating correct principles and presenting proper views in regard to questions of vital interest to the Democratic party of Indiana, to make the Democrat both advantageous and interesting to its supporters and a welcome visitor to every class of the community.

We therefore appeal, and we hope not in vain, to the citizens and especially the Democracy of Ohio, Dearborn, and Ripley counties, to lend us their aid in accomplishing the object we have in view—to permanently establish a Democratic paper in Rising Sun, and we will promise you a journal that will merit your patronage.

Ever since the organization of the Democratic party, since the days of the immortal Washington, it has had to encounter the most bitter and determined opposition to which any party has ever been subject. Its enemies have resorted to every device that the fruitful minds of their leaders could possibly invent to accomplish its overthrow and ruin.

Slander and falsehood, fraud and villainy of the darkest, most reprehensible character have been the means through which they have frequently attempted to gratify their unrelenting hatred and affect their diabolical purpose.

No course has been considered too dishonorable and odious for them to pursue to accomplish their heart's desired object; yet, notwithstanding all this, she has successfully resisted the beating and fiery storms and gloriously triumphed over her foes.

The Democratic party has, with the exception of a few short intervals, controlled

and guided the ship of State since the formation of the American Union—since the day the Father of his country filled the Executive Chair down to the present time, and we would ask what has been the condition and standing of the country during the long period that has elapsed.

Has she been retrograding? Has she been sinking in the estimation of the civilized world? Or has she been prospering and flourishing, growing in power and greatness? Let the pages of her history answer.

The high, elevated position she occupies among the nations of the earth, her rapid and unprecedented advancement in the arts and sciences, her unexampled increase in population and wealth, her wide spreading territory, stretching as it does, from the snow-capped peaks of Maine to the waters of the Rio Grande, from the Atlantic coast to the golden shores of the Pacific, is justly attributable to the success of the principles of the Democratic party, and it is evidence amply sufficient to refute the charge that the interest of the country is not safe in the hands of the Democracy.

It has been under Democratic administrations that the boundary of the United States has been so rapidly and extensively extended. It has been the great object and aim of that party to extend the jurisdiction of the government by the acquisition of territory whenever it could honorably be done, thereby to benefit mankind generally, and build up a mighty empire on the Western Hemisphere that would overshadow the nations of the old world.

Attempt to conceal it who may, it has in fact been the only party capable of meeting the emergencies of the times in a Republic like ours.

But now, because a little hostile feeling exists between the great mass of the party and a few of its members upon one isolated question, the opponents of the Democracy have raised the yell that the party has become disorganized, and that utter annihilation will shortly be the result, and upon her ruins they will ride into power.

Flatter not yourselves Republicans upon such an unreasonable hypothesis. If your success depends upon that, your doom is sealed. Your fate is written in unmistakable language.

It is not to be denied that a few Democrats oppose the Administration's course in reference to Kansas, but their difference of opinion upon that question can never induce any considerable portion of them to join the enemy against whom they have been battling for years, to desert the flag under which they have so often rallied and nobly fought, and aided in achieving so many grand and brilliant victories.

There is no place in the ranks of Black Republicanism for them to fill. It is utterly impossible for a true, genuine Democrat to act with a party of that stripe, to join in with a faction, the views and opinions of which, if carried out, would cause to fall and crumble as did the Roman Empire, the proudest and grandest fabric on earth.

We haven't the slightest apprehension of such a catastrophe. The Democratic party will stand the test of ages. To-day she presents a higher, a nobler, a more exalted position than at any time during the whole history of her existence. She presents the novel spectacle to the American people to-day of being the only national political organization within the compass of this Union, and the only party capable of checking the progress of the sectional, traitorous and disunion organization of the North and the proscriptive, intolerant and bigoted factions of the South.

She is not confined to one section of our country, but good and true members of that party are found in every portion of the confederacy advocating the same principles, standing upon one common platform.

Democrats from the ice-clad hills of the East and from the sunny fields of the South, can meet together as brothers, and shake hands upon great constitutional principles.

Let this suffice for the position of the Indiana Democrat, and let every one who is desirous of having a thorough Democratic paper, considered themselves earnestly called upon for their assistance, in return for which we promise to remunerate them with Democratic glory.

A. P. HARRISON.

## THE OPPOSITION.

The opposition papers have made a most startling discovery regarding the "extravagance" of the present Administration. They are parading before the public the important fact that the salaries of some of our government officers exceed the receipts of their offices. A list of these instances is made out by some Pope-fearing wisecracker, and published in glaring capitals by the opposition all over the Union.

If Mr. Buchanan had established all the official posts, fixed the salaries of the same and filled them with his favorites, the uproar could not have been greater. In fact such is the impression which these precious demagogues seek to convey, and at the same time every Republican knows that this state of affairs has existed ever since this government had an existence, and with the establishing of which Mr. Buchanan had as little to do as they had.

Could anything be more contemptible than this extremely diminutive specimen of political pettifoggery? It has been reserved for the Republican party to bring forward a great many ridiculous and childish sensation humbugs, but we think this remarkably astute and powerful political organization has excelled itself in giving to the world this alarming mare's nest.

We suppose that if by any chance, or by a direct infliction of Divine Providence, the Republican party should obtain control of our national affairs, all offices required for the successful working of the machinery of government which do not pay expenses, would be abolished. This confederacy would then become a joint stock company—a money making concern, and all offices that could not be made to pay, would be abrogated without reference to the honor, credit or safety of the Union. In that delightfully utopian period, when the "office would seek the man and not the man the office," no office would start out on a search for an incumbent unless it could pay his salary and have a handsome little plum left over for the government. No office in its senses would attempt to catch a Know Nothing or Black Republican, unless it could pay that fastidious individual his salary without drawing upon the United States Treasury. In fact the repugnance to holding office, known to be entertained by the members of that uncommonly pure and patriotic body of men, makes it a matter of extreme doubt whether enough "sons of the bitches," could be found willing to assume the cares and fees of offices necessary to the well-being of our commerce and navigation.

If ever anything was needed to show the base hypocrisy and pitiful demagoguery of the few political saints who have such a horror of "expense," we submit this last sickly, contemptible and absurd dodge must do the business most effectually. No one but an absolute idiot, or a shameless demagogue would think for a moment of charging upon the administration of Mr. Buchanan the state of affairs we have mentioned. No one with a particle of self respect or a particle of respect for the sense of his auditors, would get up and make a stump speech with this pitiful, last and least Republican trick for a text.

Goodness knows, we must be near the end of Republicanism now. If that faction is not "running emplings" now, we are no judge of small things. If this last given instance of "Democratic extravagance" is not the very tip of the tail of a small tailed party, we will never prophesy again. If they get up anything smaller or meaner they will surprise us, which would be hard for them to do unless they should turn a summer and do a decent thing for the first time.

## THE TROUBLES OF "THE ELEMENTS."

There is great trouble in the camp of "the elements" opposed to Democracy. They can't agree among themselves. The Black Republicans stoutly contend for a large share of the spoils, inasmuch as that party contributes a major portion of "the elements." The "leavings" of the Know Nothing faction, true to its instincts and principles, refuses to coalesce without a distinct understanding that the goose party is to have most of the officers.

Mr. J. T. Headley, the present Grand Ignoramus of the sublime order in New York, has published a pronouncement, in which he sets forth the views and designs of the remains of Know Nothingism at great length. Among other things Mr. Headley, Know Nothing says:

"All calls on the part of the Republicans for Americans to co-operate with them against the Administration, without recognizing in any way American principles, are both childish and insulting, and are intended to prevent what they profess to bring about."

"For American principles" in the foregoing extract, substitute "the right of Know Nothings to all the offices," and you have the plain truth. It insults a Know Nothing to aid in opposing a "corrupt administration," without at the same time offering him a quid pro quo in the shape of an office. This comes fully up to our ideas of the factions opposed to the Democratic party. The Know Nothing party was banded together and sworn, for the express purpose of getting all the offices. Anything and everything calculated to divert the offices from this sworn

organization is contrary to "American principles, and," "both childish and insulting."

The Black Republicans also have a full appreciation of the sweets of public plunder, and a corresponding yearning for the same. They will not give in to the Know Nothings, and consequently "the elements," cannot unite.

The career of "The Peoples Party of the Union," if not remarkably brilliant, was remarkably brief. It died in its infancy. Its eyes had hardly opened upon the pleasant prospect of Treasury pay, when they were forever closed by the remorseless hand of death. Before its little hands were able to grasp the beautiful eagles of Uncle Sam, it took the "beller-ache" and died.

## THE INDIANA DEMOCRAT.

The second number of our paper will not be issued for two weeks. We must have time to fix up our office and procure the names of our subscribers.

All those who have prospectus and lists of names, will please send them to our address, in Rising Sun.

We have some five or six hundred subscribers, whose names are on our prospectus, and as yet not gathered in, and thus it is that we await their arrival. Be vigilant, friends, let us have one thousand subscribers.

## THE ADMINISTRATION A UNIT.

Those who suppose, says the Washington Union, that difference exists between the President and members of the cabinet, or between different cabinet officers, on any question of local or general policy, in any city or town of the Union, are counting without their host. The efforts of oracular writers and newspapers to represent that such differences exist, and their grave threatnings of cabinet officers with dismissal or with presidential censure for this or that course of conduct pursued by them are in the last degree shallow and ridiculous.

Those who feel an interest in the policy pursued by the members of the present cabinet on any subject may rely with implicit confidence on the fact that it is a policy sanctioned and seconded by the President, and those who on any subject shall base their calculations upon a supposed difference of opinion and purpose between the president and his cabinet officers, will be sure to be totally disappointed in the end.

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The action of the late democratic conventions in Indiana gives the most gratifying assurance that the nationality and integrity of the party cannot be easily disturbed. Whatever difference may have arisen among our friends in Indiana during the pendency of the Kansas question, in the late session of Congress, all dissensions are now at an end. There is not only a universal concurrence in the settlement of that disturbing issue by the English bill, but with cordiality, unanimity, and enthusiasm, the democratic masses of Indiana have rallied to the standard of their party, determined to give to the patriotic administration of Mr. Buchanan a support worthy alike of them and the president of their choice.

The information that comes to us from all sections of the country indicates the same state of feeling. This is as it should be. Surely no President was ever called upon, in the first year of his administration, to encounter so many and such embarrassing questions—and we have the concurrent judgment of the entire democracy of the land for saying that these issues have been met and managed with an ability and patriotism which challenges the admiration of his friends, and has almost silenced the clamor of his enemies.

## PERSUICUTED FOREIGNERS.

It will be remembered by all, that when Know Nothingism was at its height, the democratic party true to its principles, stood forth the sole defender of those persecuted foreigners. It was their only refuge; their last hope. The Know Nothings, for a while, were victorious; and while they entirely destroyed the old whig party, they seduced men enough from the democratic party to make the little band which remained firm and easy prey. Conscious in the integrity of its principles, and in the ultimate triumph of right, the glorious old party of Jefferson for awhile bowed its head to the storm, but it was only to gather strength for a fiercer onslaught. It rose again, and in its relentless might, ground to powder the miserable faction which by secrecy and duplicity had for a moment shorn it of its strength. The Know Nothing party as a party has almost ceased to exist. It only remains in spots. From a proud, arrogant, insolent, defiant, victorious party it has dwindled down to a sickly faction. Where it once defamed, persecuted and dandered foreigners, and trampled upon their dearest rights, it now panders to their prejudices, flatters upon them, and caresses them for their votes.

## SUBSCRIBERS.

Every one who is desirous of subscribing for our paper is requested to send in their names to our Agents. It is very important that this should be done immediately, in order that we may know who is subscribers, and where their papers are to be sent.

No preventing providence, we will be found among our friends in Ohio, Dearborn and Ripley counties, this week, next week, and the week after. We are determined to make an untiring effort.—We are determined to have one thousand subscribers before we quit.

Those who live at a distance may enclose one dollar by mail to us.

Don't forget that we shall be on the look-out for subscribers. Remember that we have put our paper down to the very lowest possible rate. Only one dollar per year, in advance.

Some of our friends have already seen fit to grumble at this "sweeping rule."—Let the consequences take care of themselves, we are determined that we will not work day and night unless we can receive at least half price for our labor. We quit taking "trust for pay" long before this paper was ever thought of. The fact is, that one dollar in advance is worth more to us than two dollars at the end of the year.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

All those who have advertisements to insert in the Democrat, will please send them in immediately, that we may have them in type for our next issue.

The Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth talks as flippantly of "Democratic bullets" as though ninety-nine out of every hundred election bullets were not members of the Know Nothing party.—The use of brass knuckles and other similar appliances at the polls was unheard of until they were introduced by Know Nothing ruffians; and now, if a Democratic voter dares to defend himself against the murderous assaults of these miscreants, he is denounced as a Democratic bully, and his conduct enigmatically upon with pious horror by the opposition press.

## FALSEHOOD.

It has been currently reported in Rising Sun, that the Democrat is not going to be continued after the election—that it was "nothing but a campaign paper." Who is the author of this false assertion, we are unable to say, but we pronounce it as base a falsehood as was ever uttered from the lips of the most unmitigated liar. It was circulated on the eve of the establishment of the Democrat, evidently with the view of prejudicing some of our Democratic friends against the paper before it should make its appearance. But we are happy to know that it signally failed to effect the contemplated object. Now, we want every one to distinctly understand, that the Democrat is not being established merely as a "campaign paper," and those who assert to the contrary we brand as low-down, sneaking, detestable hounds, utterly destitute of principle and fit only for a chain-gang composed of the offscourings of creation.

## JUDGE HOLMAN.

The most cheering intelligence has reached us from all parts of this Congressional district. Our Democratic friends in Dearborn county say they will give Judge Holman from eight hundred to one thousand majority. The majority will not fall short of five hundred in old Ripley county. Rush county will give the Judge one hundred and fifty, and Ohio county will give him one hundred majority.

The sentinels from every outpost have sent in the glorious intelligence that ALL IS WELL. We then have every thing to encourage us. So Democrats and friends of the Union, be vigilant, do not sleep upon your arms, but work late and early, and be ready to give the enemy a broadside on the day of our approaching October election.

If the idle drones who live without work, and their name is legion, wish to know the value of a dollar, let him carry bricks up a ladder to the sixth story of a building during ten successive hours, one of these hot days—then he'll know.

Thou mayest be more happy than ever were Alexander and Caesar, if thou wilt become virtuous.

## OUR COUNTY TICKET.

Our County Ticket is composed of the very ablest and best men. All is animation. The Democracy are teeming with notes of encouragement from every quarter. Mass meetings and conventions have been held, and never before was our candidates more anxious to take the field. A spirited campaign is the order of the day. A glorious triumph is anticipated, and from present appearance the victory in the approaching contest is already won. We feel assured that in a few days we can shout that Indiana is safe in the hands of Democracy once more.

## PLUG-UGLYISM.

A few of the "same sort" it appears, have determined that we shall not succeed in procuring a room suitable for our office; but we say to them, that if they desire to keep or drive us out of Rising Sun, there is but one way that it can be done; and that way is to buy us out. If they think to keep us at bay by their plug-ugly tricks, they will be woefully fooled in the outcome. We were not "born in the woods to be scared by owls." These political thieves may rest assured that we are not to be frightened by a shake of the head or a turn-up of the nose. It is for the Democratic party to say whether our services is wanted, and not one or two selfish individuals who are opposed to the interests of our paper.

GLORIOUS DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH.—Returns of the election in Oregon, show that the Democrats have a majority of twenty-nine on joint ballot in the Legislature of that Territory. The Legislature was to have met on the 30th instant, when an election for United States Senator would take place, in view of Oregon being admitted as a State at the next meeting of Congress. The election of General Lane was deemed certain.

## OUR EXCHANGES.

All papers that require this number of the Democrat, will please place us on their "exchange list," for which we will be under many obligations.

Our paper contains twenty-four columns of reading matter. Think of that friends—only one dollar. Of course we do not expect to please every body—some people can't be pleased. Therefore we expect to pursue the straightforward course that our best judgment dictates to us.

The Chinese in California do not join the throngs who leave for Fraser river, but take up the claims left by the departing miners.

## CINCINNATI MARKET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 27.  
FLOUR.—The market is firm, with a fair demand. Sales of 300 bbls at \$4 30 @ 35 for fair to choice superfine.  
WHEAT.—The market is dull, but prices are not lower. Sales of 300 bbls at 20 @ 21 1/2.  
GRAIN.—A good inquiry for wheat and prices firm, sales 300 bushels good white at \$1 10, inferior 35c.  
CORN.—Steady at 75c.  
POTATOES.—Sales of 200 bushels prime Neshannocks at 21 1/2.  
CHEESE.—The market is firm at 7c.  
BUTTER.—Choice qualities are in demand at 16 @ 18c, but common is plenty and dull at 14 @ 12c.

The 16th of August, on which the first telegram was sent across the ocean, is a memorable day in American annals. On that day in 1859, Cortes set out on his expedition to Mexico, in 1777 the battle of Bennington, and in 1780, the battle of Camden was fought, and in 1829, the Northern Sea was discovered by Captain Franklin.

"Scratch the green rind of a sapling, or wantonly twist it in the soil, and the sacred and crooked oak will tell of thee for centuries to come." How forcibly does this beautiful figure teach the lesson of giving right, instead of wrong, tendencies to the young minds.

Persons in England who leave railroad cars while trains are in motion, are subject to legal penalties. A lady was fined 5s, and 6s costs a few weeks ago, for having stepped out of a train on the Crystal Palace line before the cars had stopped.

In man all the particles of nature are combined, the elements of all things have a part in him, and are the necessities of his organization.

Some author says,—"I advise thee to visit thy relations and friends, but I advise thee not to live too near them." How so? Does not this look as though there was "something rotten in Denmark?"

Why are loafers in a printing office like trees in the spring? Because we always like to see them leave.